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1. A crane dock is located at Starkenhorst, directly north of the Swinoujscie harbor ferry slip. The dock has two revolvable three-ton cranes which move on an elevated platform. One supporting side of the platform runs on a track along the dock and the other on a track on a 150 meter jetty, constructed for the purpose, running parallel to the dock. The distance between the dock and the jetty is 8-10 meters and the depth between them is more than four meters.
2. The crane dock is presumably designed for loading and unloading coal. The cranes can load or unload directly between ships tied up on the outside of the jetty and land. The space between the jetty and the dock is used exclusively by barges.
3. There are no covered storage bins for coal, but the space between the dock and the two warehouses behind it is divided into sections by low cement walls. The whole area is fenced off on the land side by a wooden fence.
4. Except for the crane dock described above, there is no usable mechanical loading and unloading equipment in Swinoujscie. The two cranes at Eichsteden are not in working order.

Comment: The arrangement for loading and unloading from ship to barge and vice versa sounds reasonable in view of the difficulty encountered in keeping the waters in this area deep enough for shipping.

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